



Huntley C of E Primary School

School Closure Policy

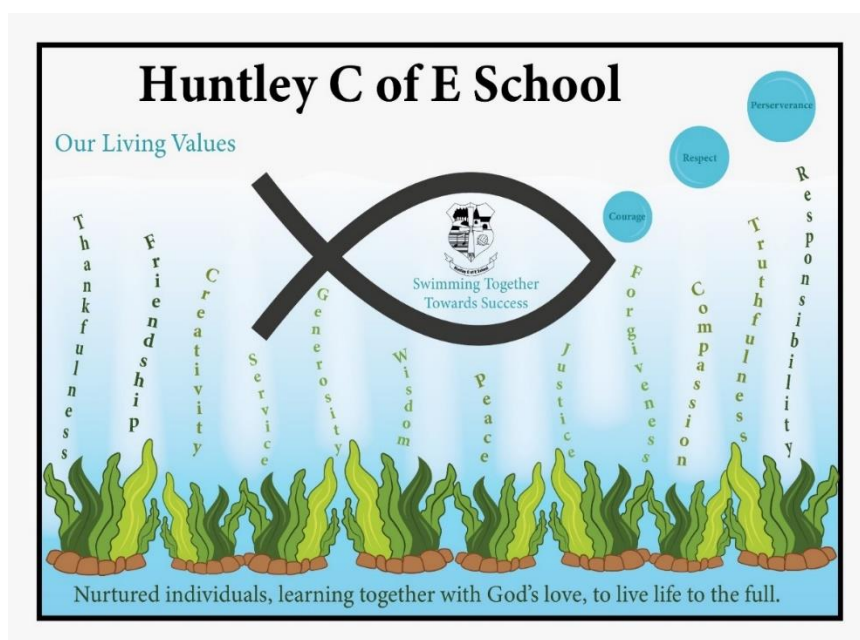
incorporating Crisis management, Emergency, Disaster, Pandemic and Spread of Diseases

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To be read in conjunction with:

Health and Safety Policy Snow and Ice policy

Remote learning policy



Introduction

This Policy covers all acts of terrorism, epidemics, pandemics, illness, spread of disease both human and animal, weather or man-made phenomena such as snow, flood, fire, high winds, war or any other situation where the school may be 'forced' to close or cope with exceptional situations.

The school will aim to stay open for all sessions but may be forced to close due to the following reasons.

- Certain weather conditions such as snow, flooding or exceptional high wind, where it may be unsafe or impossible for staff and children to use or access the building or travel to the site.
- Fire.
- Flooding.
- Manmade phenomena.
- No heating/electricity/water.
- Pandemics or infection control.
- Acts of terrorism or War.
- Multiple staff illness
- The LA or DFE/government may recommend closure.
- Where any of the above have left staff ratios so low it is no longer safe and/or legal to stay open.

Procedure

- If the school is unable to open, you will be informed by email via ParentMail in the morning if possible before 8am.
- A post will be out on the school Facebook page
- Closure notices will be posted on the school's closure board. View <https://closures.gloucestershire.gov.uk/> for closure information.
- If possible, a physical note will be attached to the premises.
- If you wish to ask about closure, please email head@huntley.gloucs.sch.uk

Closure during session/day

- In the event of the school having to close during session parents will be phoned/emailed/text to collect their child.
- If it is not possible to contact a parent, the child's emergency contact will be contacted.
- Staff will remain with children until all children have been collected.

Remote learning

If the school is shut for a considerable length of time (government guidelines will be followed) then remote learning will be provided by the staff via Microsoft Teams and ParentMail.

Legal framework

The school will follow any government procedures that are issued due to closure, disaster or pandemic responses.